

ARLINGTON HILLS BRANCH LIBRARY

1105 Greenbrier Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	1917-1988-1997
Square Ft	7,922
Hours/week*	51.5
Days/open/week	Six
Materials Budget	\$53,680
Collection Size	32,558
Books:	
Adult	10,743
Juvenile	16,434
Total Circulation	97,465
Adult	47,050 (48%)
Juvenile	50,415 (52%)
Circulation/FTE	18,390
Total Information	5,434
Information/Ref FTE	1,449
In-House Materials Use	19,448
FTEs Public Service*	5.3
Gate Count	114,964

Computer Workstations (Public) 15; Internet: 7; Word processors: 3; Catalog workstations: 3; Children's workstations: 1; Jobview: 1

Lounge chairs: 2; Study tables: 6 with 19 chairs; Study carrels: 0

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

Arlington Hills is one of the three Carnegie Libraries — the oldest branches — in the Saint Paul Public Library system. It opened in 1917 after its early life as a “library station” from 1905–1917 in Bodin's Drug Store. The building was modernized in 1958, renovated in 1987, and in 1997 was brought back to its original glory and provided with required accessibility.

The neighborhood served is bordered by the Dayton's Bluff area on the south to the city limits at Larpenteur Avenue on the north, to 35E on the west and nearly to White Bear Avenue on the east.

Arlington Hills Branch has approximately 31,110 people in its service area — the third largest service area in the SPPL system. The Miller Census Analysis Report highlighted the following demographic information about the Arlington Hills Branch Library community:

- Highest percentage population increase since 1990 (15%)

- Largest percentage increase in the populations of people of color; Relatively high concentrations of Asian, Latino, and American Indian populations
- Largest percentage increase in families with young children
- Next to lowest median age
- High in percentage of family households reflecting Asian and Latino families
- Large average family size

This neighborhood has historically been home for our newest residents. Swede Hollow and vicinity have been home to Swedish, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Hmong (and other Asian), Latino, and African people. There is active support for keeping this branch thriving, both to provide library services to the people and to serve as a symbol of community stability.

In the last few years, Arlington Hills has been the recipient of several grants which focus on job finding and literacy (Steppingstones and Job View with Ramsey County) and has collaborated with community partners in other efforts (Reading RX, Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Homework Center, and Children's Initiative Literacy Project).

We work to establish and maintain relationships with our various partners. Arlington Hills Branch Library serves this community with materials in English and other appropriate languages, and outreach efforts in schools, pre-schools, family centers, and family resource centers. We are working to be a visible and essential part of this neighborhood through the provision of information and access to technology, and by serving as a hub of the community.